

# Kid's Fishing Day Outdoor Conservation Classes

**Aug. 15, 2009**



*If kids attend two classes they will get their next tag free at Roaring River (to be used before Oct. 31, 2009), and they will receive a choice of prizes. If they attend 3 classes they will be entered into a drawing for other prizes. The drawing will be held at 5:00 p.m. In addition, Charlie Stock from Mid-West Flies, David Waugh of Roaring River Concession, and MAKO Fly Fishing Club are donating at least three complete fly fishing outfits as well as boxes of tied flies to be given away by a drawing to children who attend any fly casting class during the day. Children who attend an archery class will be entered in a*

*drawing for a bow. Children must be present to win. Classes are also open to the whole family, but only children may enter the drawings.*

## **9:00 a.m. Fly Casting. Instructor: David Waugh**

Class will be taught at the first hole downstream from the bridge across from the CCC lodge. David is certified from the national FFF (Fly Fishing Federation) as a fly fishing instructor and is the manager of Roaring River's CCC lodge and Roaring River Inn. Basic casting techniques will be taught. Students who attend this class will be eligible to enter a drawing for a complete fly fishing outfit.

## **9:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m Introduction to Taxidermy. Instructor: Russ Pendergraft**

Class will be under the big tent. Russ owns Visions of Wildlife Taxidermy Studio in Cassville. He will have an ongoing demonstration where he prepares a life size black bear mount. Kids can visit his demonstration throughout the day. Russ is also donating a free fish mount to the winner of a drawing for kids who catch a fish larger than 3 lbs.

## **9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Make Your Own Tee Shirt. Instructor: Rebecca Bishop**

Rebecca will instruct kids on coloring an iron-on "Kids' Day" transfer created by Skyler Branham and Chantel Martin. Volunteers will be on hand to apply the finished transfer to kids' free tee shirts. We will have 250 transfers and tee shirts to give away. This class will be held under the large tent.

## **9:30 a.m. Fish Cleaning. Instructor: Ron Moffet and Charles Harper**

Class will be held near the hatchery office. Ron and Charles are long time fishermen at Roaring River. They will have hands on demonstrations on preparing trout for cooking.

## **9:30 a.m. How to Build a Campfire: Brad Russell**

Class will be held at in the picnic area near the yellow tent. Brad works for the Missouri Dept. of Conservation at Chesapeake Hatchery and is an avid camper. Learn how to safely build and maintain a camp fire.

## **9:30 a.m. Ozark Cave Fish. Instructor: Blake Stephens**

Blake works for the Missouri Dept. of Conservation in Neosho and will help students learn about the habitat and threats to the endangered Ozark Cave Fish. This class will be taught under the blue tent.

9:30 a.m.- 3:30 p.m. Air Rifle Target Shooting. Instructor: Chris Landstad

Chris works for MDC at Roaring River Hatchery. He will give students instruction on safely handling a rifle and give them a chance to sharpen their shooting skills on clay targets. The class will be held in the picnic area behind the hatchery building.

9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Archery. Instructor: Chris Berry

Chris works for the Lawrence County Sheriff's Department, is a hunting guide, a world class competitor, and is sponsored by Alpine Bows. The class will be held in the picnic area just north of the hatchery. Students will receive hands-on basic archery training. Students who attend this class will be eligible to enter a drawing for an Alpine Bow.

10:00 a.m. Snakes Alive. Instructor: *Cheyne Matzenbacher*

Cheyne is one of the Naturalists at Roaring River. Class will be held at the park amphitheater just south of the CCC Lodge. His program will teach kids about the natural history of snakes. Live specimens will be available to see.

10:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m. Fly Tying and Fly Casting. Instructors: *MAKO Fly Fishing Club*. Fly

casting will be in the hole downstream from the bridge across from the CCC Lodge, while fly tying will be held under a tent set up near the fly casting area. Experienced fly tiers will set up a table and do fly tying demonstrations. Other members will be on hand to work with kids one-on-one to teach fly casting. Students who attend the fly casting part of this class will be eligible to enter a drawing for a complete fly fishing outfit.

10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Critter Stamp Headbands. Instructor: Peggy Dittmar and Char Pipolo

Critter stamps will be available for children to make and decorate their own headband. The class will be held under the large tent.

10:00 a.m.- Noon Mobile Fish Aquarium Demonstration: Paul Spurgeon and Wes Swee

Paul and Wes work for the Dept. of Conservation at Maramec Hatchery and will conduct an ongoing class on identification of Missouri fish such as long nose gar, small mouth bass, and goggle eye which are held in a mobile aquarium. The demonstration will be under the blue tent.

10:30 a.m. Frog and Toad Come to Roaring River--An Introduction to Missouri's Amphibians.

Instructor: Sarah Havens. The class will be held under the large tent. Sara is working on her Master's Degree from the University of Missouri. This class is aimed to show children some of the common amphibians that are found in Missouri and specifically ones that may be found in and around Roaring River State Park. It will also touch on some of the adversity that amphibians in Missouri and around the world are facing.

10:30 a.m. Aquatic Entomology. Instructor: Rick Horton

Class will be in the blue tent. Rick works for the Missouri Dept. of Conservation as a Fishery Biologist in Neosho and will help students identify what types of insects live in the stream and how they relate to fish as food organisms and what flies are tied to imitate them.

11:00 a.m.-12:00 a.m. Stream Table Display Instructor: Blake Stephens

Blake works for the Dept. of Conservation in Neosho and will conduct an ongoing display to illustrate the hydraulics of a stream. The effects of an action such as channeling or digging in a stream will be shown. Bank stabilization methods will also be demonstrated. The class will be held under the blue tent.

11:00 a.m. Jig Tying. Instructor: *Jerry Dudley*

Class will be held under the big tent. Jerry is a very good fisherman and experienced jig maker. Kids will have hands-on experience and learn to tie their own jig. Jerry will also demonstrate jig fishing methods using an aquarium.

11:00 a.m. Fish Cleaning. Instructor: Brad Farwell and Clint Hale

Class will be held near the hatchery office. Both Brad and Clint work for the Department of Conservation at Shepherd of the Hills Hatchery in Branson. They will have a-hands on demonstration on preparing trout, catfish, and bluegill for cooking.

11:30 a.m. Fish Cooking. Instructor: Rod May and Heather Williams

Rod and Heather work at the Neosho National Fish Hatchery. Class will be held next to the hatchery office. There will be demonstrations on frying and grilling methods for trout, bluegill and catfish.

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1:00 p.m. How to Fish Roaring River. Instructor: *Marvin Farwell*

Class will be held on the green next to the hatchery office. Marvin works for the Department of Conservation at Roaring River Hatchery and is a very good fisherman. He will instruct kids on types of bait that are legal for each fishing zone in the park, what type of knot to use to tie a hook on, how to rig a pole and how to fish with the various types of bait and lures.

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1:30 p.m. Fisheries Biology. Instructor: Rick Horton

Rick works as a Fisheries Biologist for the Department of Conservation in Neosho. The class will cover the unique characteristics of many different species of Missouri fish, their habits, where they live, and their physiology. The class will be held under the blue tent.

2:00 - 3:00 p.m. Fly Tying. Instructor: *Charlie Stock*

Class will be held under a tent set up near the fly casting area across from the CCC Lodge. Charlie is a professional fly tier and also owns Mid-West Flies. Charlie will work with kids one-on-one to help them tie their own fly.

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**2:30 p.m. Knot Tying Instructor: Kevin Asbury**

Kevin is Assistant Manager at Roaring River hatchery. He will have a hands-on class teaching two easy, fast, and strong knots to tie a hook on to your line. Students will be able to tie the Fisherman's knot and the Palomar knot by the end of the class

**2:30 p.m. Hatchery Tour. Instructor: *Cheyne Matzenbacher***

Tour will meet on the walkway leading to the Spring. Cheyne is a naturalist at Roaring River. His program will teach kids about the geology of Missouri's 20<sup>th</sup> largest spring, the history of Roaring River State Park and hatchery, the life cycle of the trout, how they are raised and stocked in the stream.

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